

## CORY'S TIMELY CARTOON.

### ANOTHER RAILROAD SENSATION.



Platt—Talk about J. P. Morgan and Jim Hill! I'll show that feller Depew a thing or two in the line of railroadin' before I get through!

## GEORGIE'S PA AND MA Have a Discussion

**R**FTER maw got taru reading How to take out rinkels and Remove black heads without the aid of a Huzz saw, the Other nite she turned over to the news from Washington and pretty soon you could see that they was something she didn't understand.

"Paw," she says, "I wish you'd tell me what all the fuss is about this Clinton Bullyer's treaty, empy waw."

"Great heavens," paw told her, "are you living in this Century or Away back in the Dark ages? That's the treaty about the Canal. We can't go ahead and Bld the Canal till we work out this treaty."

"But I thot the canal was all dug and the water turned on and St. Louis perfectly satisfied," maw says.

"Maw," paw asered, "I'm glad they are no Strangers present. Of couse I could live down the Disgrace, but it would be a sad thing for the children if it ever Got found out. Their mother didn't no enny better. Than that. This is no Canal that's clean out a Sewer stajum. This trouble is about a Canal across Central Ameriky so Ships can get thrue without Going away around below Since anall and Using up more than a Hundred and Fifty tons of extry coal. You see we Can't bld it unless England will give up the Treaty."

"How did Engand get it?" maw ast.

"She didn't get it," paw sed. "We Don't want to be Held to it, that's all."

"Oh, I see," maw says. "England wants to make us use as much extry Coal as they Haft to. How mean!"



S. E. KISER.

"No," paw told her, "that's not it. England wants to keep us from Blding the Canal becuz we mite put up Some forts along it. England's boats could go thru just the Same as ours if it got Bld."

"Then I don't believe in it," maw sed.

"The idea of us going and Blding a Canal and then Letting England come along and Use it? I'm glad this Bullyer or whatever his name is Got up his deaty, and I hope he'll stick to it till his side Gets cowed. What is he, a Republican or a Democrat?"

Paw looked kind of sad for a Mint or so and then he says:

"You see we got bound by this treaty

on the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty.

so we Can't own the Canal after we Bld it. That's why they are Trying to bust the Thing. If it wasn't for that—

"Who would own it, then?" maw ast.

"Well, it would kind of belong to everybuddy," paw told her.

"Then why don't the rest of Them come in and Help to dig the Thing?" maw ast.

"Becuz they don't seem to care whether it gets dug or not," paw answered, "and—"

"But you just told me England was making trouble about it," maw told him.

"Say," paw says, "do you want to Hear about this Canal or not? We wouldn't let England or ennybuddy else bld it, even if they Wanted to. It would be a Fine thing to Let a lot of forreners come over here and Dig a Canal thru our Back Yard, wouldn't it? There, you see, is where the treaty Comes in."

"Where?" maw ast.

"Why, we can't go ahead on the Canal and put up forts to protect it till we get it."

"Oh, yee," maw says, "I see it all now. This Bullyer wants to get the Contract to put up the forts, doesn't he? What a terrible Lot of corrupshen there is in this World. I should Think he would be ashamed of Himself. Where is he from, paw?"

Paw was Going to say sumthing else, but after he Got to thinking about it a While he went over to play billyerds with Uncle Wadley.

GEORGIE, in Chicago Times-Herald.

## HARRIET HUBBARD AYER Answers the Questions of Wives and Husbands.

**A Deserted Wife's Plea.**

Dear Mrs. Ayer:

One year ago my husband was taken sick and the doctors said he had consumption. The firm he worked for gave him three months' vacation. He went away to visit his people, and during that time he grew worse and was compelled to resign his position. He has left me penniless, with the promise of his people to pay me the small sum of \$5 a week, but I haven't received it as yet. They are wealthy people. What can I do? A. M. U.

I AM afraid I cannot give you any very hopeful counsel in this matter. My impression is you cannot force your husband's family to support you and your children. You can only plead with them. If you can get some friend to intercede for you that would be your best plan. You can gain nothing by attempting to coerce them.



HARRIET HUBBARD AYER.

Husband is 20, Wife is 19.

Dear Mrs. Ayer:

Will you kindly advise me what to

## OBSERVATIONS.

**A POOL** chatters, a clever man talks, a philosopher thinks.

The law of gravitation seems inverted when one sees it is the heavy-weights who rise in the world.

Injustice has stabbed more mortals than justice has hung.

Start us a gallop on our hobby horse and we'll run down every friend we possess.

Friendship that will weather two loans is the real thing.

Don't despise a lobster. Why, he eats the entire at very exorbitant dinner tables.

## Police Station.

Yard is the largest police station in the world. It is capable of holding a million people.

## A PASTEL GOWN.

do? I am twenty years old, married six months and make \$12 a week. My wife is nineteen years old. She never lived with me and writes a letter saying she doesn't care anything for me, doesn't want any money from me and will die before she will live with me. Kindly let me know what I can do, C. S.

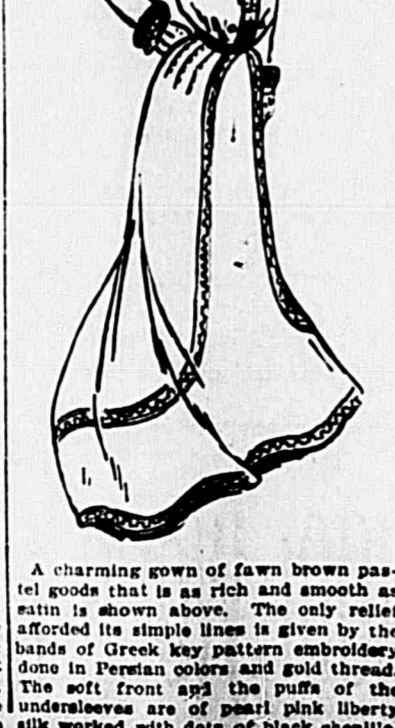
I AM not a lawyer. My impression is that the marriage is void, but you should consult a proper authority in the matter.

**A Widow's Mite.**

Dear Mrs. Ayer:

I am a young widow. I have two children. My husband died about nine months ago and left me with a few hundred dollars. Within seven months I have lost a considerable amount of this money, not being experienced. Will you advise me in what I can invest my money, so I can make a living without losing any more? Mrs. B. T.

I CANNOT take the responsibility of advising you in so serious a matter. Women who are not accustomed to business are really incompetent to handle money excepting under the advice of some good business man, who will not take advantage of them. Successful men say it is wiser to invest small sums of money in some safe way, or put it into a savings bank, where one could get the interest on it, and try to



A charming gown of fawn brown pastel goods that is as rich and smooth as satin is shown above. The only relief afforded its simple lines is given by the bands of Greek key pattern embroidery done in Persian colors and gold thread. The soft front and the puffs of the undersleeves are of pearl pink liberty silk worked with dots of black chenille.

## The World.

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## WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF THE HOUR?

Go to the top of a New York "skyscraper" and look about you. At your feet lies the most inspiring cyclorama the world has thus far produced—a cyclorama of freedom, enlightenment, industry, energy, well-being and progress such as the sun never before shone upon.

But look closer with your mind's eye. Here is a mighty concourse of the virtues of civilization; but here also is a mighty concourse of the weaknesses of civilization.

The forces for uplifting, for improvement predominate. But vast and powerful are the forces of retrogression.

Within your horizon are gathered more than four millions of human beings, more than a million and a half of whom are all but untouched by civilizing influences.

There are several hundred thousands of the criminal and semi-criminal classes. Several hundred thousand more belong upon the fringe of these. Nearly a million are densely ignorant. They are learning. But they are learning slowly, imperfectly. They are hampered by tradition, by poor equipment, by environment.

What shall enlightened, progressive New York do in this dawn of a new century to make the light penetrate into and flood these dusky and pitch-dark places?

How shall New York's tremendous, irresistible forces for human betterment be concentrated and applied?

How shall the spirit of human brotherhood be quickened so that this mighty task may be accomplished most speedily?

What shall we do for our brothers and sisters imprisoned by ignorance and squalor?

It is well to consider political conditions with a view to improving them. Much can be done by an honest, public-spirited city government. But we must not for a moment lose sight of the fact that—

Our deplorable political conditions are the result and not the cause of vice and crime and degradation.

Deep down below all surface causes and causes of surface causes lies the real moving cause—

Lack of self-respect.

And our great problem, presented by this million and a half of men, women and children of the slums and their fringes, is—

How shall we raise the individual standard of self-respect?

Why do these families live in squalor? Why do those neighborhoods tolerate dives and dens? Why are certain streets choked with human traps and patrolled by harpies and vultures?

Not because of poverty. Not because of oppression. Not because of bad government. The poisons are always there; certain conditions operate only to make them burst out at the surface.

No, the real reason is individual lack of self-respect, low standards of personal dignity, an absence of the sense of what it means to be a member of the human family living in a nation where there are as many sovereigns as there are free inhabitants.

Abram S. Hewitt makes a suggestion that reaches straight to the root of the question. He proposes to invest down-seekers in New York that they go to the slums, buy and tear down the rookeries of squalor and build in their stead model tenements.

This is a business proposition, not a charitable scheme. Therefore it is valuable as a means to progress. For what is most needed in dealing with this problem is not charity or any other emotion with a strong flavor of condescension about it, but sound, brotherly helpfulness upon a sound business basis.

The first principle of self-respect is self-sustaining independence. Objects of pity and charity are not independent.

Mr. Hewitt's suggestion is most helpful. So also is Bishop Potter's plea for the abrogation of the silly and narrow and improvement-preventing spirit of caste, so out of place in the Twentieth Century, so unworthy of an intelligent mind, so ridiculous in a self-governing democracy.

There ought to be other suggestions. You may have one, and it may be the best of. Especially interesting and important would be helpful suggestions as to how to unite all our energies for progress upon one line of action.

What have you to propose for spreading civilization and contracting barbarism, ignorance, physical, mental and moral degradation?

What can our newspapers, magazines, books, libraries, schools, colleges do to increase their efficiency?

What can our thousand churches, our scores of organizations for sociological purposes, do that they are not doing?

What can conscientious and progressive individuals do that they are not doing?

Let us have your ideas on the subject. Let us stir up ourselves and one another. The results will not be confined to New York, but will be felt in every community in the land. For every community has New York's problem in a less degree.

We put the question of the hour to you personally. What is your answer?

**OR, "OUT DEAD."**

"Get any books for Christmas?"

"Yes, I got one called 'Alone in London.'"

"Ah; Autobiography of Willie Wailed-off Astor, I suppose."

**FIXED AT THE BOX OFFICE.**

Willie—Pa, what's a fixed star?

Pa (formerly an actor)—A fixed star, I suppose, is one who gets his salary regularly.

**MORE RAIT.**

Why is it so many a goodly plan in the matter of working falls?

Because it needs more than hook and line

And worms when you fish for whales.

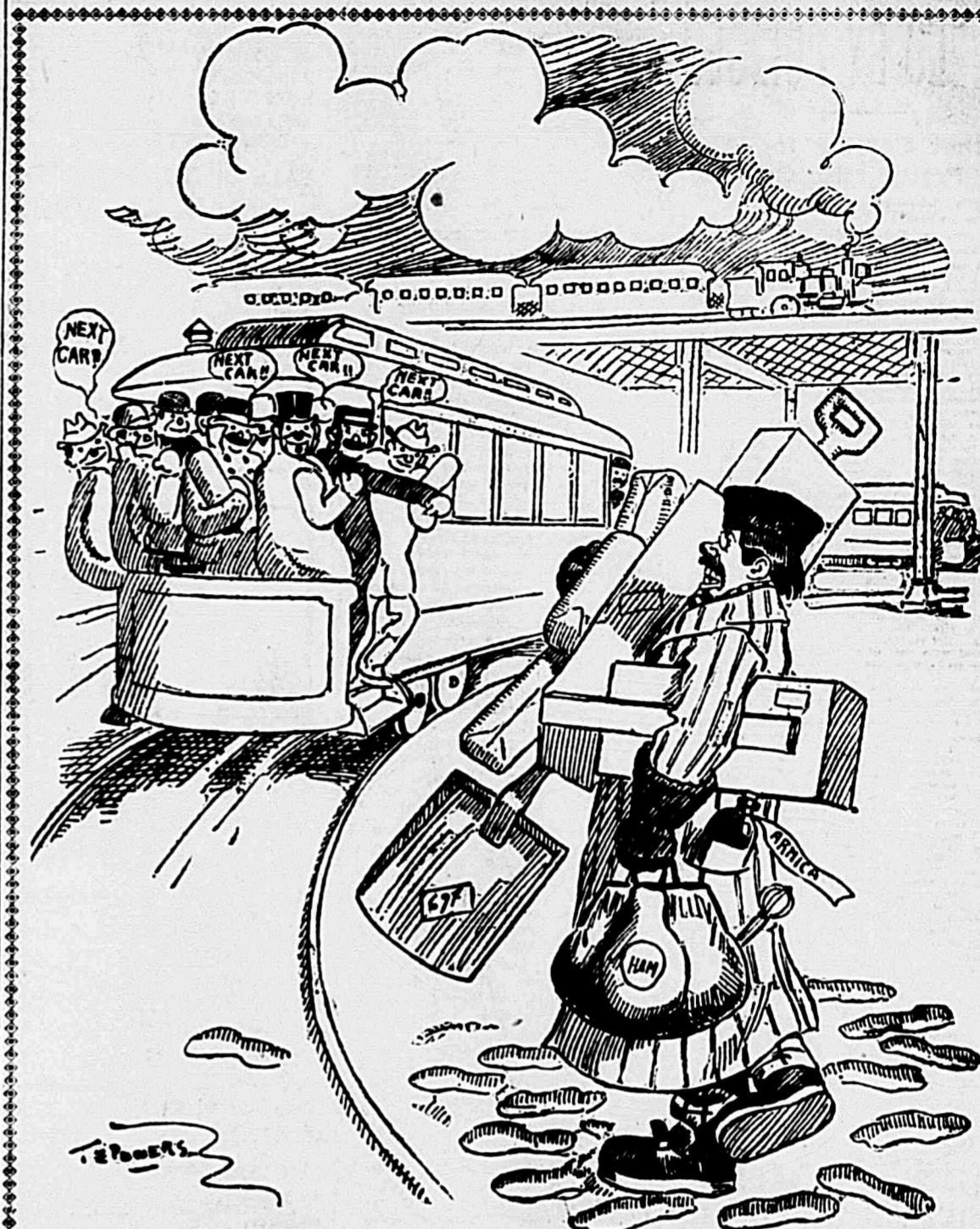
**STILL AT IT.**

He took his pen to write a check. But, source began

Erre led he arose; he'd written Dec. instead of Jan.

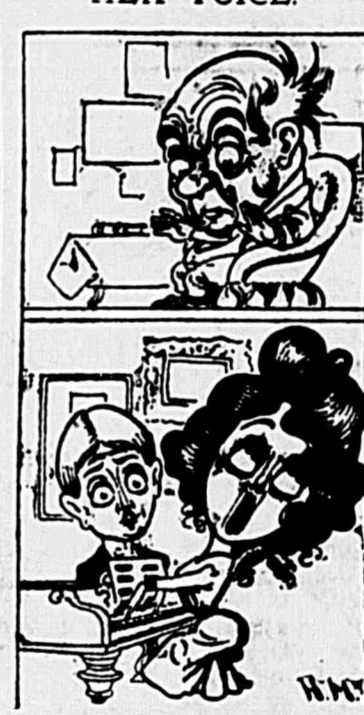
## HOW TO KEEP THE FEET WARM.

### By T. E. POWERS.



Oblige your wife by doing a few errands and carrying home in the "rush hours" a few small parcels that she "really cannot get along another day without."

## HER VOICE.



"He does not love me any more." The maiden sang to shame him; And as the notes reached papa's ears He murmured, "I don't blame him."

## A HOME THRUST.



"Fa-as; it's so twying; some people are born freaks." And others have freaks thrust upon them."

## CHILDREN'S FASHIONS



Ermine is the most fashionable fur for children; beaver also appears on dark-colored coats for little girls, and on scarlet broad-cloth Persian lamb is very effective.

The Russian blouse and the sailor suits are the accepted styles for the wee men of the family.

Narrow velvet ribbon, preferably black, is used to tie back girls' hair, or at the end of long braids.

Plain black stockings are the most serviceable and in best taste for children's wear.

A child's fork is something new; it is provided with a little shield upon the back in which the forefinger rests, thus steadying the hand and helping the uncertain little fingers to wield the somewhat difficult implement.

Dainty little toilet sets for the baby, consisting of comb, brush, powder puff and soap box, come in pale blue, pink or white celluloid.

Flecks are always popular for children, and they are shown in particularly pretty shades this Winter. Velvet, lace and gold buttons are the favored trimmings for them.

Lace and net frocks, mounted on soft, thin silk, are made with the Empire yoke or short waist for dancing frocks.

The small boy is a very picturesque little chap in black velvet—knee breeches, with a pretty silk sailor blouse and velvet jacket decorated with big buttons, the frilled collar of the silk blouse being worn outside.

## QUERIES AND ANSWERS

**Not Unless You Are Engaged to Her.**

Is a ring an appropriate present for a young lady or not? She is an intimate friend of mine.

**PERPLEXED YOUNG MAN.**

**Thursday.**

Please state on what day Dec. 4, 1861, fell.

**A. B.**

"Mr." or "Esq." is Better.

A bet that if I address an envelope "John Smith" it is improper to write it without prefixing "Mr." or adding "Esq." R says that he may write it just plain "John Smith." Which is better?

**INQUIRY.**

**Apply to Your Congressman.**

Where can I get information concerning the entrance and terms of West Point or Annapolis? A. W.

**Monday.**

On what day of the week did Jan. 19, 1846, fall?

**M. H. W.**

**She is His Wife.**

What, if any, is the relation of Clara Lipman (the actress) to Louis Mann (the actor)? BELLA PINK.

**Born 1845.**

Can you tell me if Mr. William H. Crane, playing in "David Harum," is a young or a middle-aged man? R. D. W.

**Wednesday, Saturday, Monday, Saturday.**

On what days of the week did Aug. 10, 1867, July 13, 1859, Dec. 22, 1861 and Dec. 4, 1841 fall?

**H. A. M.**

**Sunday.**

What day did April 10, 1870, fall on?

**WILLIAM SMITH.**

Began Jan. 1, 1901.

Did the twentieth century begin Jan. 1, 1900, or Jan. 1, 1901?

**C. G., Great Bend, N. Y.**

**"Dates are Heads."**

Which is the head and which is the tail of a five-cent piece?

**SCHEMEL MEHRENS.**

**Leaving England.**

Every day in the year, on an average, as many as 100 people take their final leave of England.

**The Odorous Onion.**

An exchange says in Tartary onions are regarded as perfumes. So are they in all the civilized countries generally.